

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

740 W. University Heights Dr. South
Flagstaff, AZ 86005

Sunday Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday School for Children & Youth

10:45 AM

Nursery Provided at the 2nd Service

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"Where People Come Alive!"

A BEAUTIFUL LEGACY OF GIVING

Friends and admirers were backed up for almost a block at the beautiful old funeral home. People were standing three-deep in line waiting to pay their final respects to a man the whole town had come to love and admire. Some of those who stood in the four-inch-deep snow had never even met him. But he had touched their lives, and they felt compelled to pay tribute to one who had virtually become the father of the whole community.

During the long wait, people began to chat. The subject was always "Walter."

"I only met him once," commented a young woman shivering from the cold, "but he changed my life. You see, I came to this town with my husband and three kids. I hadn't been here three weeks until my husband took off and left me and the kids alone. Why, I was so scared I thought I'd die. I didn't have much education and hadn't planned to work until the kids were older. My neighbor heard about my problem, and she called Walter. He didn't even come over, but sent word that he had a job I could start the next week and a warm apartment that would be free until I could get on my feet. It was four months before I could even begin to pay rent.

"Two years later, I went to him to make arrangements for payments on the back rent, and do you know what he said? He looked over the top of his reading glasses and said, 'Thank you, but I never intended you to pay for those months. You just go out there and find someone in need, and help them.' So I did. I went straight to my pastor and asked if he could suggest someone who needed help. And it felt so good to give instead of receive, I just kept on helping them. Walter taught me how good it feels to give."

The man standing behind her smiled

and said, "That sounds just like ol' Walt. I bet that everyone standing in this line has the same kind of story to tell. I knew him for about twenty years, and I've gotta say that I've never known a more giving man."

An older man, perhaps in his seventies, turned around to face the couple. "I couldn't help overhearing your story," he said. "We've all got 'em, that's for sure. Walt and I went to school together. We were best friends. We even joined the service together, but then we got separated. When the war was over, he didn't come home right away. I tried to trace him, but just when I was about to give up, he got off the bus one day, still wearing his uniform. He'd been a POW.

"He stood up in church one Sunday morning and asked if he could say a few words. The pastor never got to preach, and no one cared. He told what he'd been through, and how he'd come to realize that the only important thing in life was God, his family, and helping other people. From that day on, he lived the way he thought Christ would live, if the Lord had been born rich. He said he knew he could never do it, but he'd like to try to outgive God. He said giving was the best reason for living he's come across."

Giving is the reason for living. In survey after survey, people say that their primary reason for giving is gratitude to God for the blessings they have received. Christian people, from new-born believers to mature disciples, seem to realize that giving is intrinsic to being a Christian.

How about **you**? Have you discovered the joy of giving? May your life become a beautiful legacy of giving. In other words, together, let's do something beautiful for God!

HAPPY 11th BIRTHDAY, COR!

Our first Worship Service was October 7, 2007

ALL CHURCH & FRIENDS HIKE

Saturday, October 20th

Join us to hike the beautiful Kachina Trail. The trailhead is at the Snowbowl parking lot. Let's meet at the church at 8:15 a.m. (to carpool for a 9:00 a.m. hike). The Aspens should be beautiful by that time of year! Any questions, please see/call Karen Cooper at 928-853-6364.

WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

October 26th, 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship at Karen Cooper's house, 5490 S. Cassandra Blvd. near Fort Tuthill. Bring snacks to share, please.

Anyone interested in a Book Club?

We are looking for interest right now and will make decisions about when/where as slots fill. Questions? Call Joan Stoner at 938-853-9827.

"The Pantry" Needs Your Help

This month is "Chili Month" at Church of the Resurrection. Each week worshippers are encouraged to bring a can of chili to share with the hungry of Flagstaff. Also, Director of the Pantry Sandy Berry invites volunteers to join with her in stocking the shelves from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and helping members to procure their food at the regular hours of 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Volunteerism, donations of food, and monetary donations are all welcomed. Thanks for your help!



Navajo Construction Mission, Leupp, AZ October 13, 2018

Our Navajo brothers and sisters on the reservation just north of Flagstaff, deeply appreciate the building repair and fix-up we've provided for 18 years. You don't have to be a professional contractor, just have a willingness and a heart to help! Why not join us for this one day mission to help make a difference? \$30 per person/\$50 per family.

For more information contact the FaithWorks Office (928) 774-0504, or the Trip Coordinator Jan Allen (928) 567-0092

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COR's Life-Giving Messages for October

Our mission statement at Church of the Resurrection is "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known", so each Sunday is an opportunity for us to "Invite Unbelievers into the Presence of God". We design our sermons to be life-giving. Each message is to provide insights for living from the timeless truths of Scripture which enable people to experience firsthand the abundant life which Jesus promises to those who follow Him.

Our mission begins with identifying people in our sphere of influence - family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, coworkers, classmates, fellow club members, and those with whom we may share a divine appointment. "Invite". What a powerful word. God is calling us to simply invite people into His presence.

We have some great messages coming up in October which are truly life-giving. Invite your sphere of influence to a new experience of God's presence and the hospitality of heart from God's people. The messages are the following:

Sunday, October 7th - "The Power of Putting God First" Matthew 6:33
Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, October 14th - "Developing Spiritual Thirst" John 7:37b-38
Monte Kline, Preacher and Author of *Face to Face: Meeting God in the Quiet Places*

Sunday, October 21st - "The Church in the Power of the Spirit" Acts 1:8
"The Church exists by mission, as fire exists by burning."
Glen Allen, Director of FaithWorks

Sunday, October 28th - "BECOMING: The Focus of Continuous Improvement" 2 Peter 3:18
Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

New Director of Children's Ministry Position Announced

Our Session has authorized the new ministry position of Director of Children's Ministry. This part-time (5-15 hours per week) paid position will enhance our ministry to children (12 years old and younger) and their families. The responsibilities will initially include Sunday School, Pioneer Clubs



received in the coming weeks.

LAY MINISTRY is Strong and Becoming Stronger at COR

At Church of the Resurrection we believe the biblical injunction that "Christ gave...pastors and teachers to equip his people for ministry, so that the Body of Christ may be built up and become mature..." (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Training the Laity for Ministry includes the **Bethel Bible Series** equipping believers with biblical knowledge (20 weeks in the Old Testament and 20 weeks in the New Testament) and a strategic grasp of Scripture for serving. Also, our new **Stephen Ministry** equips and supervises lay caregivers by offering 18 modules in preparation for one-on-one distinctively Christian caregiving. Our Men's Support Group is transitioning to adopt the **Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training** (twelve weeks of training) which includes in-depth understanding of friendship evangelism, discipling, and faith sharing.

We always encourage lay leadership stepping up and blessing the body of Christ with innovative and targeted ministries. For example, Brian Kolb leads **GriefShare**, Chuck Thomsen leads **Financial Peace University**, and Pam Givens led **Vacation Bible School**. A team of lay volunteers leads **Pioneer Clubs for Children**. Many examples throughout the church remind us that all believers are to be ministers using the gifts which God has given them for God's glory and the edification of God's people.

In 2019 we're prayerfully preparing for a **Young Mother's Bible Study**, **Celebrate Recovery** ministry, and **Divorce Care** with **Divorce Care for Kids**. Is God calling you to help, to become engaged in ministering to people in their need, and experience the reward of making a difference in the lives of people? For more information about "ministry" and "finding your niche" contact Pastor Bob at (928) 699-7592.

(our midweek after school program), and Vacation Bible School. For more information, contact the church office (928) 699-2715 for a job description and application. Resumes will be

Our COR Philosophy of FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

How do we become faithful stewards of God's resources entrusted to us? We don't engage in fund-raising to support a budget. What we do is to *learn and live biblical principles of money management*. Did you know that there are 500 verses in the Bible concerning "Faith" and 500 verses concerning "Prayer"; however, there are over 2,300 verses concerning the use of money. Interesting. Being a faithful steward or manager of our time, talents, and treasures is right at the heart of living the Christian life.

So, we'll be taking a few weeks this fall to discover the liberating principles of God's way to maximize our use of financial resources. God's wisdom is timeless and sets people free to become financially independent and enjoy His abundant life.

GriefShare... your JOURNEY from MOURNING to JOY

Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
in the Upper Room

Loss is a part of life. We all lose loved ones to death and dying. The season of grief is very real and very emotionally painful. Time heals? Maybe, not always.

Our *GriefShare* grief recovery group is a distinctively Christian, time tested, effective way of working through your season of grief. It is a seminar and a support group. The seminar teaches the principles of healthy grieving. The support group puts you in touch with people who understand loss and grief and care deeply about your well-being. Brian Kolb is our facilitator for *GriefShare*. Come and experience God's healing. Invite your friends and neighbors. They'll thank you for it!

Coffee Fellowship Time

Our long-term volunteers who have set up and cleaned up for more than a decade are taking a well deserved retirement. Coming in November is a new



format and model where ONE volunteer picks ONE Sunday during ONE year to do lite set up, lite refreshments and easy clean up. That way all of us have the privilege to BE THE ONE while promoting a time of friendship and connection after Sunday services. Thank you, Brian and Liz, for leading the way and showing how to keep it simple. Questions? Contact Janie Stanford or Robin Long.

200 for His Glory!

What if 200 worshippers gathered each week at Church of the Resurrection? Our capacity in the sanctuary is 140 or 280 for both worship services. Let's fill the sanctuary with worshippers each Sunday. O, what a glory that would be!

How would this happen? The power of personal invitation is virtually untapped at COR. When was the last time you brought a friend to church? Budget your money...bring that friend to church and then take them out to lunch after the service to debrief and talk about the relevance of faith in Christ for living in our challenging times. Do people need Hope? Peace? Genuine love in our relationships? Do they need help dealing with fear and anxiety? Or coping with depression? How about moving beyond apathy and negativity? Maybe they're settling for happiness when they could have authentic joy? There is so much more in life. People are often just settling for survival. Thoreau wrote, "Most people live lives of quiet desperation."

Invite and talk about what living life in all its fullness is all about.



Why People Give

From Eugene Grimm's *Generous People*
(Abingdon Press)

Giving is a grateful response to God.

Giving adds meaning to life.

People like to help people.

People know that giving their money is a spiritual response to God's gift of our salvation.

Someone asks them to give.

People give to people they trust.

People believe in the mission or ministry to which they give.